Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 17 Nov 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 18 Nov 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 16 Nov 2022 at 15:12 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for rather unsettled and often windy conditions for rest of the week and over weekend but a window of drier, brighter weather on Saturday.

Headline for Thursday 17 Nov 2022: Rather cloudy with showers, mostly in east of area. Drier, brighter over hills near to West Coast.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 17 Nov 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain showers (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Light rain showers (night)	Light rain showers	Sunny intervals	Light rain showers	Light rain showers (night)	Light rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
40%	20%	30%	40%	20%	40%	50%	60%

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Weather: Rather cloudy with showers, mostly in east of area, becoming more frequent during the afternoon, especially towards Ben Wyvis and over the Caithness hills. Showers will be wintry over highest tops. Fewer and lighter showers in the west for the mountains of Knoydart, Skye and Torridon with some bright spells.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% best in west of area.

Low cloud and visibility: Mostly good visibility in west of area and between showers in east. Clouds will be extensive about 700 to 800m although the cloud canopy will be above many of the tops near to West Coast. Briefly poor visibility as showers pass by with lower cloud bases.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	19/24 E	13/17 SE	15/19 SE	21/26 E	27/34 E	30/39 E	31/40 E	28/37 E	28/37 E
900	19/24 E	14/18 SE	14/19 SE	20/26 E	26/33 E	29/37 E	30/39 E	27/36 E	27/36 E
600	15/21 E	10/15 SE	11/15 SE	15/21 E	18/25 E	19/28 E	22/32 E	19/28 E	18/28 E
300	6/18 E	3/11 E	5/13 E	3/17 E	6/23 E	8/27 E	9/29 E	7/26 E	8/27 E
Glen	12/18 E	9/13 E	10/14 E	11/19 E	11/22 E	12/23 E	11/23 E	11/23 E	13/25 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	1/-5	0/-4	1/-4	1/-5	2/-5	1/-6	0/-8	-0/-8	0/-7
900	1/-5	1/-4	2/-3	2/-4	3/-4	2/-5	1/-6	0/-7	1/-6
600	4/-1	3/-0	4/0	4/-0	5/0	4/-1	3/-2	3/-3	3/-2
300	4/2	4/3	4/2	4/3	6/5	6/4	5/2	5/2	5/2
Glen	7/4	7/4	6/4	7/4	9/6	9/6	8/5	7/4	7/4
Freezing Level*	1200m	1200m	1200m	1400m	1400m	1300m	1100m	1000m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Walking conditions will become difficult over higher parts, especially east of area, with strengthening winds, temperatures close to freezing and passing showers.

Forecast for Friday 18 Nov 2022
Weather: Mostly cloudy with further outbreaks of rain, heavy at times in the morning turning lighter and patchy during afternoon and evening. Sleet possible on highest tops.

Maximum wind: Easterly winds with average speeds of 20mph and gusts 35mph on the tops, gradually easing during afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, best near to West Coast.

Low cloud and visibility: Often misty conditions with extensive cloud cover about 600 to 700m and some patches lower down. Pockets of good visibility, more especially in west of area with clouds higher up the hills at times.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 Celsius rising to 10 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1300m.

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